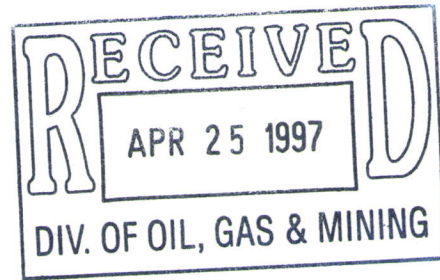


ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY

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April 24, 1997

Ash Grove Cement Company
County Canyon Shale Quarry

Mr. Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy of the revised reclamation estimate which now includes reclaiming the haul road. In my April 7 meeting with the Juab County Commissioners, concerning maintaining the haul road open after closure of our pit, the commissioners expressed an interest in this possibility, but need more time to evaluate the road acquisition. So at your suggestion, we have included once again the road reclamation into our final bonding estimate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duane Wise".

Duane Wise

RECLAMATION ESTIMATE APR 1997

1. Ripping and regrading pad 8.8 ac	\$75/hr x 20 hrs = \$1500.00
1a. Road 3.0 ac	\$75/hr x 8 hrs = \$ 600.00
2. Regrading side slopes 4.31 ac	\$75/hr x 20 hrs = \$1500.00
3. Side canyon drainage	\$75/hr x 5 hrs = \$375.00
4. Water bar construction, final grading	\$75/hr x 5 hrs = \$375.00
5. Placing topsoil 17.358 ac x 8"/12"	27 = 18,670 yd x 0.96 = \$17922.00
5A. Road	3,226 yd x 0.96 = \$ 3097.00
6. Scarify, fert. and seed 17.350 x \$225/ac	= \$3905.00
seed	\$2170.00
6A. Road 3.0 x \$225/ac	\$ 675.00
7. Reclamation supervision 21 hrs x \$30/hr	= \$720.00

	\$32839.00
10% contingency	3284.00

	\$36123.00

VI. VARIANCE (Rule R647-4-112)

Please identify any requests for variance from the requirements of rules R647-4-107, -108, or -111. A narrative justification must also be included for each variance request. A discussion of any alternate methods or other mitigating measures should be included, if applicable.

N.A.

VII. SURETY (Rule 647-4-113)

Reclamation Surety:

Indicate whether the proposed activities will change the amount of work required to reclaim the minesite. If significant changes will result, then an itemized reclamation cost estimate should be provided (and attached) with direct reference to the specifics of the proposed